

BRIDGEPORT AS IT WAS

100-50-20-YEARS AGO

(Taken from the Files of The Evening Farmer)

One Hundred Years Ago.

GONE TO ETERNAL REST.

At Fredericksburg, Va., on the 30th ult., the venerable Francis Asbury, aged 71, bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church. Of him it may be said: A great man has fallen in Israel, having labored in His Lord's vineyard more than 50 years as an itinerant minister.

The bishop was born at Barre, Hantsworth Parish, Staffordshire, England, Sept. 28, 1746. Was admitted a Travelling Preacher in the Methodist connection in 1766, and continued as a preacher there until he embarked for this country in 1771, where he exercised his functions as a preacher till 1773, when he was appointed General Superintendent in 1775, at a General Conference held in Baltimore, Md. he was unanimously chosen, elected and ordained Bishop, which office he filled agreeably to the directions of St. Paul for more than 30 years. During the time of his ministry, it is presumed he preached from 15 to 18,000 sermons; presided at more than 200 conferences; traveled from 100 to 150,000 miles; and perhaps ordained more ministers than any other man ever did.

At New London—Elias, son of the Hon. Elias Perkins, aged 8. He was riding in a chaise with a servant when the shafts of the carriage drew from the tugs, and alarming the horses they went off full speed. The stupid driver dropped the reins and jumped out, leaving the unfortunate child to his fate. In turning the corner of State street, the chaise overset and passed over the body of the boy of the child, which it so dreadfully mangled that he died an hour after.

BRINGING NEW YORK NEARER.

Efforts are being made in Connecticut to shorten the travel between New York and Boston, to connect with a steamboat line. By turning the distance between New York and New London can be reduced 49 miles. A Norwich writer thinks the distance between Providence and that place can be reduced to 37 miles.

R. I. AND MASS., ELECTIONS.

The election for State Officers in Rhode Island, took place on Wednesday last. From the returns received it is believed Governor Jones is re-elected by a majority of one or two hundred. His majority last year was about 600. The Republican net gain in Newport was more than 80. Mr. Nehemiah R. Night was the Republican candidate.

In Massachusetts the Federal majority for Governor it is believed falls short of 2,000. Last year it was upwards of 7,000. The election in New York takes place next Tuesday. Daniel D. Tompkins and Rufus King stand as candidates for Governor. There is no doubt as to the re-election of Tompkins, their present Governor.

Fifty Years Ago.

THE DEAD HALL.

We take the pleasure in being able to announce that contrary to general belief and expectations, the large building corner Main and Beaver Sts. is to go up this season. It is said that the brick, of which it will take in the neighborhood of 1,800,000 (rough) have been contracted for and will be delivered here some time next month. It is expected that the walls will be up and enclosed by October of this year, and the building will probably be occupied as early as January of next year.

This piece of intelligence, we know will be received with the greatest delight by all our citizens; for what do we need more than a hall large enough to accommodate the largely increased population of this city, and one with proper appointments? At present we have to be content with being stowed into what cannot be called other than a barn.

THE CRICKET MATCH.

The match game of single wicket, announced in the columns of the Evening Farmer a few days since, between William Strrett and Robert Gardner, against George C. and Samuel Wilkinson, is positively to take place next Monday at ten in the morning. The above named gentlemen being considered the greatest experts at the game of cricket in this State, some good plays will no doubt be made. The excitement of the match is creating in this city, is by no means inconsiderable and we learn there will be a large number of spectators present to witness the game. It will be played on the old cricket grounds east of the Howe Sewing Machine Factory.

SPRING STYLES 1866.

Fred M. Perry, the fashionable hatter, on Main street, Sterling Block, has received a large invoice of the various styles of hats, caps, etc., for young men's, young gent's, and boys' wear, among which is a choice selection of silk hats, "as light as a feather," and some choice cassimeres of the latest pattern. His stock of furnishing goods is extensive and of the best and most approved materials. Call in and look at his new neckties and these Shakespear collars, "the latest."

FAST SAILING.

The schooner "Charles S. Hazard," owned by Abel Drew, Esq., of this city, made the run yesterday from New York to the Bridgeport bar in 5 hours. That is some time for a schooner.

Twenty Years Ago.

FEARS FOR FROST.

There seems now to be a fear that vegetation will receive a setback by a cold spell. The warm weather of the last week has caused a rapid growth which a light frost would easily find prey. Some of the more timid people are hunting up old records and showing by them that snow has often been deep in this vicinity the last week in April. But after all this April may be an exception. It is hoped it will anyway.

PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE.

Fred W. Seibold, for nine years clerk for Gordon C. Hamilton, and for

the last year with D. E. David, of Danbury, has accepted a position with J. H. Cody, the East Bridgeport drug-gist.

OVER 50,000 ITALIANS IN N. Y. New York, April 21, 1896.—Some astounding figures were shown to-day as to the Italian population of New York city. There are 50,000 Italians in Gotham now, and they are coming in at the rate of about 2,000 a week. Most of them are from lower Italy and sail thence from Naples, though they are not all Neapolitans.

BASEBALL BITS OF INTEREST.

In the last issue of Sporting Life, the Washington correspondent had this to say about Billy Lush, of this city: "For a youngster in baseball, Lush has disfigured digits enough to compare with those of old 'Silver Flint.' The finger Lush broke last August has been set something in an oblique and is not at all satisfactory. As soon as he can make arrangements he will have an X-ray investigation made of this bothersome customer."

Jim Rogers of the Washington team is certainly certifying the predictions made by his friends this season. There is no reason why he should not prove the equal of any fielder in the National league. The Washington papers declare he has no superior as a baseman. In Saturday's game against the New York Giants he distinguished himself by one of the longest hits ever made on that field, and making the circuit of the bases with several seconds to spare before the sphere was recovered.

Dan Shannon now captain and manager of the Rochester club, predicts that the standing of the first four Eastern league teams at the close of the season will be Syracuse, Springfield, Providence and Rochester.

Tommy Lovett, the former Bridgeport pitcher, whose first introduction to baseball circles was due to the efforts of Dan Shannon, who is now a member of the Providence team, is anxious to join his old manager, and a deal is now under way whereby he will probably go to Rochester in exchange for one of that team's pitchers. Manager Shannon has offered Pitcher Friel in exchange for Lovett, and the offer will probably be accepted.

THE YELLOW MILL CHANNEL.

If a drawbridge is erected over Yellow Mill pond, it will be different from the rest of the drawbridges in the city, inasmuch as the channel will be through the center of the creek. The present drawbridges, as is well known, are so located that often much inconvenience and delay is experienced, as they are at the side of the harbor. When the Rosedale is at wharf, the room for passing through the lower bridge is very meagre for a large vessel. This inconvenience will be overcome when the new drawbridge is constructed over Yellow Mill pond.

CARTRIDGE WORKS EXTENDING.

The steady increase of business of the Union Metallic Cartridge company has made it necessary for the company to make some alterations in the big plant so as to allow "more elbow room," and work in that direction began long ago and still continues. The old blacksmith shop in the yard, between the loading room and the shot shell departments, has been removed to about 200 feet east of its old site, and has been increased in size. Where the old shop stood the company is building an addition to the engine room. The company have a number of foreign orders to handle and all hands are working steadily.

NEW SCHEDULE OF WAGES.

The Bridgeport Traction Co., posted notices last evening to the effect that commencing with May 10 a new schedule relative to wages would go into effect, as follows: All men during the first three months of employment to receive \$1.50 per day; at the end of three months, \$1.65 per day; at the end of six months, \$1.75 a day; at the end of nine months, \$1.85 per day, and at the end of one year and thereafter \$2 a day.

Heretofore men have been paid at the rate of \$1.50 per day for the first six months and at the end of the period, if they remained in the employ of the company, they received \$1.75 per day, the highest wages paid.

OBJECT TO CAPT. FOSTER.

The baseball game scheduled for tomorrow between the local High school team and the Hopkins Grammar school has been declared postponed, as one of the local ball tossers has been protested, it being alleged that he is a semi-professional. It is believed that Capt. Clarence Foster, who also plays with the Victors, a semi-professional aggregation, is the one alluded to. A meeting of the officials of the league has been called for tomorrow, when the protest will be heard.

PEOPLE'S STEAMBOAT CO.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the People's Steamboat company, held Monday, April 13, 1896, the following named gentlemen were elected directors for the current and fiscal year: William G. Payne, Marcus C. Hawley, George Richardson, Morris W. Seymour, Henry R. Parrott, J. H. Jenkins and A. E. Upson. The following officers were chosen: William G. Payne, president; M. C. Hawley, vice president; and Howard Staples, secretary and treasurer.

APPLY FOR LIQUOR LICENSES.

ISAAC B. WILLIAMS at 338 Pembroke street. Endorsers are: Thomas Farrell, 172 Harral avenue; Michael Houston, 29 Lewis street; Matthew Gary, 134 Harral avenue; Alex Watt, Jr., 30 Tom Thumb street; Michael Stein, 128 Hamilton street.

Easter Clothes for Boys and Children

Customers will tell you it's easier to be suited here than in any other store in the city, because our stocks are complete in every sense of the word. We have double the assortment shown elsewhere—and we have a range of prices that covers all pocketbooks, with a saving at every price and absolute satisfaction in every garment.

Our "Schoolmate Clothes" are famous for their remarkable wearing qualities—and their excellent styles. They combine an aristocratic appearance with long wear—and every garment is backed by our double guarantee.

BOYS' SPRING SUITS

\$3.95

INSTEAD OF \$5.00 AND \$6.00

Dressy Norfolks, Tommy Tucker and Eton Norfolks; the Norfolks are Bulgarian style with stitched belts and patch pockets that are always in style; some with two pairs of pants; made of a handsome quality of all-wool cassimeres and other fancy mixtures; also all-wool serges with one pair lined pants; smart Easter models with new gathered backs; finest tailoring and perfect fitting garments; Norfolk Sizes 6 to 18 years. Other styles in sizes 2½ to 8 years.

Boys' Spring Suits

\$1.95

Instead of \$2.50 and \$2.75

Bulgarian Norfolks, the new Tommy Tucker and Eton Norfolks, made of cassimeres and a big variety of fancy mixtures, consisting of stripes, checks and plain colors; splendid garments—well tailored and perfect fitting; Norfolk sizes 6 to 17 years; other styles in sizes 2½ to 8 years.

Boys' Spring Topcoats

At \$1.69, \$1.95, \$2.95 \$3.95

And a most unusual variety, including the new and stylish double-breasted model, some with side vents, some with embroidered emblems on sleeve—and all finely tailored and finished. Gray diagonals, light and dark mixtures, Shepherd checks and plain colors. Sizes 2½ to 10.

Boys' Spring Hats and Caps

Hats 50c flat and round top styles, as well as the popular sailor or marine shape in blue and Shepherd check; browns, checks, mixtures and plain colors.

Caps 25c spring patterns; well made. Fine, big shapes in all the all wool caps of the usual 30c grade.



BOYS' New-Model SUITS

\$5.00

INSTEAD OF \$6.50 AND \$7.00

One of the finest all-wool lines; rich, genteel and dressy Norfolks and Tommy Tucker and Eton Norfolks. The Norfolks are Bulgarian models with the stitched belts and pleats, some with two pairs of pants, some with one pair full lined pants; all made of guaranteed wool fabrics in a choice assortment of colors and patterns checks, plaids, solid shades, stripes and what not; garments that any boy will be proud to wear. Norfolk sizes 6 to 18 years. Other styles in sizes 2½ to 8 years.

Boys' EXTRA VALUE Suits

\$2.95

Instead of \$4.00 and \$4.50

Bulgarian Norfolks, Tommy Tucker and Eton Norfolks; this is one of our big features; some of them have two pairs of pants; splendid garments, chevrons and cassimeres in a variety of designs, good-wearing fabrics of guaranteed quality; fine blue twill, blue serges, and clay worsteds in sizes 2½ to 8 years.

Boys' Confirmation Suits

at \$2.50, \$3.95, \$5.00 and \$6.95

You can't be too particular in selecting your boy's suit for this important occasion—therefore, seek the store that offers the most in both assortment and price. We make a specialty of Confirmation Suits—and we guarantee every garment to be perfect in fit, fast color, and of dependable quality; fine blue twill, blue serges, and clay worsteds in sizes 10 to 18 years.

Boys' Furnishings

Four items selected from a hundred Easter Specials.

BOYS' SHIRTS Serviceable percales in a variety of Easter patterns; full cut and designed without collar, 50c at	BOYS' BLOUSES Fast color percales; full cut and rooney, new style collars, sizes 6 to 16, at
BOYS' STOCKINGS One of our most popular special; heavy durable rib in fast black; pair	BOYS' NECKTIES Handsome large four-in-hand, Easter patterns, at

Spring Suits for Fashionable Young Men

Here are garments that give you a smart and prosperous appearance—Suits that show good taste on your part, and which you can depend upon for service. The right models for the young fellows—and plenty of them. One, two and three-button styles, as well as the new half belted, gathered-back Norfolks.

Note the new half-belted gathered back Norfolk at the right.

Suits at \$10 Suits at \$15

that positively rank with the garments custom tailors and other stores sell at \$16 to \$18. You can verify this claim yourself—as soon as you see the bright, snappy patterns, the fine qualities and workmanship these Suits possess. Pencil stripes, Scotch Mixtures, home-spuns, fine, all-wool shadow stripes, blue Serges, Chevrons and cassimeres. All sizes. EVERY FABRIC GUARANTEED ALL WOOL.

Men's Finest Hand-Made Suits

It is almost impossible to make better Suits than these—for the qualities are the finest possible to secure and the workmanship is the very highest class. \$25 to \$40 are the prices for similar excellence in other stores—our prices

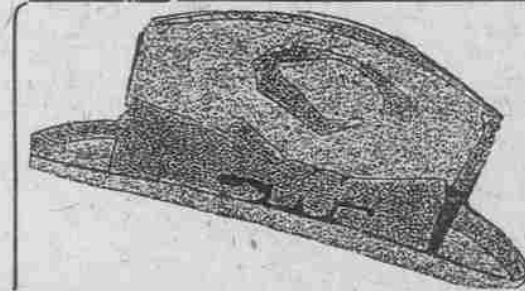
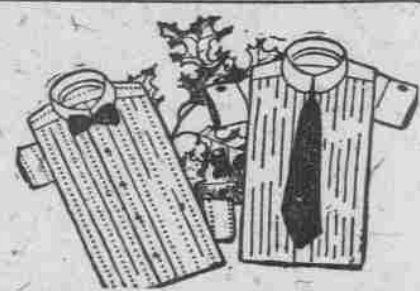
\$17.50, \$20 and \$25



Men's Spring Shirts

The World's Leaders at \$1.00

The season's richest and most tasteful patterns—and qualities that you never see in Shirts under \$1.50. Fine soft Shirts made expressly for Spring and Summer and Guaranteed not to fade; French Cuffs; full cut, perfect fitting garments in all sizes.



Men's Hats

Derbies and Soft Hats at \$1.50

You'd guess them to be two-dollar grades—and they are. Try to duplicate their quality and style elsewhere—and you'll see \$2 marked on them. All perfect, guaranteed Hats in newest shapes, brims, crowns, trimmings and colors.

Store Open Saturday Evening

The Surprise Store

1119-1123 MAIN ST. -Security Bldg.-

YOU NEED CASCARETS

Spend a Dime! Live Your Liver and Bowels and Feel Bully.

Take one or two Cascarets tonight and enjoy the nicest, gentlest liver and bowel cleansing you ever experienced. Wake up feeling grand, your head will be clear, your tongue clean, breath sweet, stomach regulated and your liver and thirty feet of bowels active. Get a box at any drug store now and see the straightening up by morning. Stop the headache, biliousness, and bad days. Feel fit and ready for work or play. Cascarets do not gripe, sicken or inconvenience you the next day like salts, pills or calomel.

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JOHN ROGERS, at 50 Crescent avenue (The Washington Park hotel) His endorers are: Frederick C. Mullins, 443 Pembroke street; David O'Rourke, 172 Union avenue; Henry Roddy, 336 Pembroke street; James Gill, 7 Jefferson street; John French, Nichols street.

JOHN DRISCOLL, 671 Main street. Endorsers are: S. S. Banks, 470 Fairfield avenue; John Rutherford, 29 Booth street; Frank N. Higgins, N. Main street; Robert Hermann, 40 Lexington avenue; Christopher J. Rishor, 8 Highland avenue.

MRS. BRIDGET A. WELDON, at 655 State street. Endorsers to her application are: H. J. Hulton, 208 Howard avenue; John Cook, 25 Organ street; Louis Grathwohl, 110 Fairfield avenue; James McElroy, 58 Hamilton street; and Leroy E. Kinney, 46 Ash street.

Advertise in The Farmer

The New Egyptian Commander

The new commander-in-chief of the British forces in Egypt, General Sir Archibald Murray, will pass his fifty-sixth milestone today. He was educated at Cheltenham College and Sandhurst, and entered the army in 1873. Eight years later he attained the rank of captain in the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, and soon afterward saw active service in Zululand. He entered upon the South African campaign in the war with the Boers holding the rank of major, but at its conclusion he was a colonel. He also won the D. S. O. the Queen's and King's medals, honorable mention from his superiors, and a wound that for a time threatened to cost him his life.

At the outbreak of the present war Sir Archibald was given an executive position connected with the transportation of the British forces destined for service in France. Later he

was attached to the staff of Field Marshal Sir John French, and became his chief of staff. Just before the retirement of Sir John French from the command of the British army in France, Sir Archibald was recalled to London and made chief of the Imperial General Staff. He retired from that post last December, when he was succeeded by Sir William Robertson. It was stated at the time that General Murray was "proceeding to an important post," and late last month his appointment as sole commander in Egypt was announced. General Sir J. C. Maxwell, Sir Archibald's predecessor in the ancient land on the Nile, has had a long experience in Egypt, and it is said left affairs in excellent shape for his successor. The danger of a Turco-Berberian attack on Egypt is now thought to be over, and it is likely that many of the troops who have been training in the shadows of the pyramids, with occasional clashes with bands of Arabs on the western

frontier, are now being used elsewhere.

During his service at the British headquarters in France Sir Archibald won high praise from Field Marshal Sir John French, who named him for the roll of honor and spoke in enthusiastic terms of his skill and devotion.

TO USE BERTILION SYSTEM ON BORDER

Amsterdam, Holland, April 21.—In addition to the new passport restrictions, which have just come into force in Germany, it is reported that the government intends to introduce the Bertillon system of recording fingerprints, which presumably will apply to all frontiers.

SPRING FLOWERING PLANTS. JOHN RECK & SON.